

Well, last week I asked for your “Good News” stories. So far I have not received any stories from anyone, although I am sure that many good things will have happened since March! I certainly hope so.

There may be many reasons why no-one has written in but I am going to optimistically wait another week to see if any arrive. Please give this a thought – and an action – so that there can be encouragement and good news for us all.

This has been a week of mixed messages on Covid. Businesses and schools opening up, but numbers of cases rising and restrictions re-applied. News of local cases in our High School, but the benefits of returning to education enjoyed.

The Presbytery Letter and prayers this week picks up this dilemma as it touches on “old normal” worship practices and the complexities of possible re-opening of some church buildings.

Please join in this prayer as we look for the best way forward in our journey with God.

Blythswood Trust – Shoe box appeal

The Blythswood Shoe box appeal will go ahead this year, but details have yet to be sent out. So we expect to have a collection of shoe boxes here in North Knapdale as usual and this will be for early November.

This is the message from their website:

Shoe Box Appeal 2020

Despite the difficulties that they face every day, through poverty, illness, disability, or other disadvantages, receiving a shoebox brings such joy to children and adults in Eastern Europe, that their faces light up with huge smiles.

You can make such a difference to lives that are otherwise almost hopeless. If you are having a problem sourcing an empty shoebox this year then please use a drawstring bag (no plastic ones please) instead. Maximum size 500mm x 300mm.

These are available in a number of shops, especially sports shops.

The schedule for collections and drop off points for filled shoeboxes will be published shortly. In the meantime we hope you will begin gathering items and can fill a box or a bag.

<https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

Interim Moderator

The Rev Scott Burton from the church of West Kintyre and Gigha has now been appointed as our Interim Moderator. You will see the official notification of this at the end of the newsletter.

We plan to hold a Session Meeting with him in the near future to discuss the way forward for North Knapdale during this time. *The meeting is now set for the 17th Sept at 7.30pm on "Zoom."*

Scott holds a weekly service on Youtube, and you can find that each week from Sunday mornings at :

<https://www.westkintyreandgighachurchofscotland.org/>

and past services are always available on youtube.

John Telfer

We are very saddened today by the news that John, a well known and loved member of the community in Tayvallich, passed away on Wednesday after a short illness. Please remember his family, particularly his wife Morag, daughter Linda, son Ross and his partner Mo, in our prayers, and provide any support we can at this time.

Session meeting.

We will be holding a Session meeting on "Zoom" on Thursday evening the 17th September at 7.30pm. If you wish to attend this meeting please contact Louise on treasurer@northknapdale.org

And she can send you the joining link.

Psalm 103

When Israel went out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion.

The sea saw it and fled;
Jordan turned back
The mountains skipped like lambs.

What ails you O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan that you turned back?
O mountains, that you skipped like rams?
O little hills, like lambs.

Tremble O earth, at the presence of the Lord,

At the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turned the rock into a pool of water,
The flint into a fountain of waters.

This psalm looks back, yet again, to remind the people of their escape from Egypt. Looking back in order to move forward. But look at the viewpoint of this psalm, the picture is not of a people tramping through the desert with Moses, this is a picture of God moving with His people – of the creation around them responding to God's move. The sea flees before God, the river Jordan is turned back, the mountains and hills skip like rams and lambs: "Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord".

This is a tremendous picture, showing that God's people do not move on their own, as God leads us into new places, and new experiences, God moves with us, and the creation around watches and trembles. How wonderful that picture is. We know and worship, and follow, an awesome God.

Let us never underestimate what He is doing as we travel with Him. Let us always remember – "With God, all things are possible"

From: Pres. Argyll
Sent: 10 September 2020 19:37
To: Pres. Argyll <Argyll@churchofscotland.org.uk>
Subject: Presbytery Prayer Rota and intimations
Importance: High

Presbytery Prayer Rota

Please pray for the following congregations and their Ministers/Interim Moderators:

Sunday 13 September

Lochgailhead and Kilmorich: Minister - Rev Dr Robin Mackenzie

Campbeltown Highland: Minister – Rev Steve Fulcher

Please pray for our OLMs and members of the Property Committee

Intimations

Re-opening Church Halls: Please see attached Additional Guidance.

Please see attached information from Marilyn Shedden, Mission Convener. (*sent separately*)

Civic Prayer Breakfast: All presbyters should have received invitations to the Civic Prayer Breakfast on 18 September. (*sent separately*)

The Clerk will be out of office until Wednesday 16 September.

Anyone wishing an intimation posted should inform the clerk no later than Wednesday each week.

- Rev Owain Jones, Moderator of Presbytery invites presbyters to weekly prayer together on Wednesdays at Noon. Prayer will be circulated and posted on the Presbytery Website.

It can also be viewed on the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPXtIED6SuGHrf7DYJtMj8w>

- **Presbytery Facebook Page:** If anyone wishes something posted on the Presbytery Facebook Page **please contact either**

Liz Gibson (egibson@churchofscotland.org.uk)

or Scott Burton (Sburton@churchofscotland.org.uk)

- Online services available from Argyll

Online services are being provided for local congregations and those who wish to log in from places further afield:

West Kintyre and Gigha – Rev Scott Burton -<https://www.westkintyreandgighachurchofscotland.org/> Worship

The United Church of Bute – Rev Owain Jones - <https://www.unitedchurchofbute.org.uk/>

The Shore Kirk – Rev Janet MacKellar –
<https://sites.google.com/view/theshorekirk/home>

or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/345399762209092/>

Service is available by Phone on 01369 510 932

Ardchattan lw Coll lw Connel – Rev Willem Bezuidenhout <https://www.ardchattanchurch.org.uk/>

West Cowal – Rev David Mitchell
<https://westcowalchurches.org.uk/>

South Kintyre – Rev Steve Fulcher
www.kintyreparishes.org.uk

Netherlorn Churches Worship Team
<http://www.netherlornchurches.org.uk/>

West Lochfyneside:
<https://www.westlochfyneside.org.uk>

Kilmore and Oban: Rev Dugald Cameron
www.obanchurch.com

Barra and South Uist : Rev Lindsay Schluter(audio only)

Can be accessed via telephone (01871-200336) or the South Uist website (www.southuistchurchofscotland.com)

eXp facebook page: - a worship and discipleship resource for young people.

<https://www.facebook.com/expdunoon/>

Daily Hope line

It is introduced by the Archbishop of Canterbury. There are three options, you can:

1. Listen to a well-known hymn being sung then listen to a reflection on it, about 15 minutes.
2. Listen to well-known hymns being sung and sing along.
3. Listen to a prayer relevant to today's world

This service is called Daily Hope, the phone number is **0800 804 8044** Phone calls are free.

Keep Safe

Stewart

W Stewart Shaw DL
Clerk to the Presbytery of Argyll
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Formal notice of change of Interim Moderator

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9 September 2020

In terms of section 2(1) of Act VIII, 2003 anent Vacancy Procedure the following intimation is to be displayed as prominently as possible at the church building for seven days from Sunday 13 September 2020, posted publicly on website or social media, and by email or letter and/or by phone so as to ensure that all members of the congregation receive intimation in some form or other.

The certificate of execution on this copy should then be signed by the Session Clerk or another Elder or the Preacher and returned immediately to the Presbytery Clerk.

INTIMATION

Change of Interim Moderator

Notice is hereby given that the Vacancy Procedure Committee of the Presbytery of Argyll proposes to recall the appointment of Mrs Alison Hay as interim moderator to the congregations of: Glassary, Kilmartin & Ford lw North Knapdale and in her place appoint Rev Scott Burton.

This action will proceed unless at least four persons, who are either communicant members of the congregations of Glassary, Kilmartin & Ford lw North Knapdale or full members of Presbytery, together or separately submit to the Presbytery Clerk a request for this proposal to be considered at the next meeting of the Presbytery. Any such request must set out the relevant reasons.

You should submit any such request in writing to Mr W Stewart Shaw DL, 59 Barone Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0DZ



Mr W Stewart Shaw DL
Presbytery Clerk
13 March 2019

NOTE

(This note does not form part of the foregoing Notice, but should be communicated for the sake of clarity)

No action is required on the part of members of the congregation or members of Presbytery who are satisfied with the terms of the Vacancy Procedure Committee's deliverance.)

I CERTIFY that the foregoing intimation was communicated to the congregation of Glassary, Kilmartin & Ford / North Knapdale Church and a duplicate copy thereof displayed as prominently as possible at the church building for seven days thereafter.

..... Session Clerk/Elder/Preacher*

Glassary, Kilmartin & Ford / North Knapdale *

*Delete as appropriate

You can find news on our church website: www.northknapdale.org
And our Face Book page – North Knapdale Church.

Contact David Logue – sessionclerk@northknapdale.org

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